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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO BLANCHARD CABLES

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD ON BEHALF OF
SECRETARY OF LABOR USERY.

2. HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCIS BLANCHARD, DIRECTOR GENERAL,
INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.
ON BEHALF OF THE CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEE ON ILO, I WISH
TO RESPOND TO YOUR SEVERAL CABLES CONCERNING ILO
CONTRIBUTIONS.

WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FULFILL ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION.
AT A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 23,
ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR, STATE AND
COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS, THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY
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ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT, GEORGE MEANY AND LANE KIRKLAND

FOR THE AFL-CIO AND CHARLES SMITH FOR THE UNITED STATES
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
THAT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD
BE BROUGHT AND KEPT UP TO DATE ON A CURRENT BASIS
AND THAT CONGRESS BE URGED IN THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE

TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED FOR THE
SECOND HALF OF 1975 AND THE YEAR 1976.

I ASSURE YOU THAT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET LEVEL
COMMITTEE, I AM REFLECTING THIS VIEW TO
APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND URGING THAT THE
ILO CONTRIBUTION, ELIMINATED IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, BE RESTORED.

WITH RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION,
W. J. USERY, JR., SECRETARY OF LABOR. SISCO

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